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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket No. (Optional) CSC-029RCE	
In re Application of Hiroshi AKITA			
Application Number Not Yet Assigned		Filed Concurrently Herewith	
For: PROTECTIVE MEMBRANE-EQUIPPED COMPOSITE ELECTROLYTE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND FUEL CELL PROVIDED WITH THE SAME			
Art Unit	1745	Examiner	R. Alejandro

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

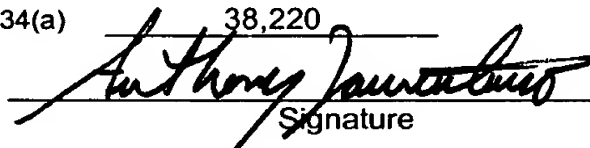
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$ | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$ | 420.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$ | |
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____
- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☒ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 12-0080

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

- I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.
- ☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
- ☐ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number _____
- ☒ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) 38,220

April 16, 2004
Date

(617) 227-7400
Telephone Number


Signature

Anthony A. Laurentano
Typed or printed name

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below

<input type="checkbox"/>	Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted.
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV 377 650 751 US, in an envelope addressed to: MS RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: April 16, 2004

Signature:  (Anthony A. Laurentano)